



WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH
Incorporating congregations of 10am, Tongan, Samoan and Fijian.

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 29 Poutu-te-rangi (March) 2026

Welcome!

Nau Mai

Haere Mai

Noa'ia 'e Mauri

Bula Vinaka

Mabu Hay

Namaste

Talofa Lava

Malo e Lelei

Chao Buoi Sang

Swaagat

안녕하세요
(an-nyeong-ha-se-yo)

Parish Newcomers

Nau mai haere mai

We're glad you're considering making Wellington Methodist Parish your spiritual home. If you want to put down your roots here, please let our leaders know so that we can take your contact details and you will get our weekly emails. This will enable us to get to know you better.

Welcome to Wellington Methodist Parish

Mission Statement

*Living God's love – acting for the common good
We are a multi-racial Christian community:
Methodist in affiliation – Ecumenical in intention
Diverse in theology – Inclusive in outreach.*

Sunday Church Services

Wesley Church 75 Taranaki St, Wellington City

10.00am	English Service
12.00pm	Tongan Service
2.00pm	Samoan Service
4.00pm	Fijian Service

** Every first Sunday is our Parish Combined Church Service at 10AM.*

Upcoming Sundays

- **29 March – Palm Sunday – Rev. Joeli Ducivaki –**
- **03 April – Good Friday Service – Rev. Joeli Ducivaki – 9.30am**
- **05 April – Combined Easter Sunday Service and Holy Communion – Kisione Finau**

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Who Is This Jesus?

A short reflection based on Matthew 21:1-11 and Philippians 2:5-11

When Jesus enters Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey, the city is stirred, and the crowd asks, “Who is this?” It’s more than curiosity – it’s the question that echoes through history. Jesus doesn’t arrive with grandeur or might. He comes humbly, yet his entrance challenges everything about power, politics, and religion.

In Matthew’s gospel, this parade is both protest and proclamation. It’s a bold, nonviolent act that contrasts sharply with Pilate’s military procession on the other side of town. Jesus rides in with peasants, not soldiers. He carries hope, not weapons. It’s a dangerous hope – one that exposes injustice and resists empire.

Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, gives us the deeper meaning behind the moment. Jesus, though divine, “emptied himself,” taking the form of a servant. True power, we learn, is not about grasping or control. It’s about letting go. It’s about love that doesn’t seek status but serves.

We live in a world still shaped by systems of domination. But the path of Jesus invites us to a different way – a way of humility, courage, and compassion.

Real power looks like humility. Jesus redefines strength by choosing love and surrender over dominance. Faith means walking the hard road. Lent invites us to wrestle with deep questions and live the answers with courage.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 29 March 2026 – Lent 6 | Palm Sunday

LECTIONARY for 29 March & 5 April 2026

March 29—Lent 6

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Is 50: 4-9	Ps 118: 1-2 19-29 or Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2: 5-11	Mt 21:1-11, Mt 26:14 -27: 66 or Mt 27: 11- 54

April 5—Easter Day

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Acts 10: 34-43 or Jer 31: 1-6	Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24	Col 3: 1-4 or Acts 10: 34-43	Jn 20: 1-18 or Mt 28: 1-10

Parish Office

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Office Hours
Tuesday to Friday
10am to 3pm

Prayers and Concerns



If you are bereaved, sick or in pain, isolating, or recovering from illness, may you feel our care and compassion at this time.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Meetings

F&R Meeting: Thursday 30 April, 7pm.

Parish Council: 7th June

Parish Executive: Tuesday 7 April, 7pm.

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	3rd Tuesday of every month
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	tbc
FIJIAN	1st Saturday of every month

10AM

Coordinator Needed

We're seeking someone to coordinate the 10am rosters.

Contact **Leatuavao** or **Daphne** if you can help.

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Samoan

26-29 March—Rev. Sui will be away for the Sinoti Samoa Ministers School of Theology in Taupo.

Fijian

4 April— Bose Vulavou

13 April— Womens F&B—led by **Sailoama**

24-27 April—Wasewase Youth Camp in Nelson

Tongan

29 March—No Sunday service. Combined service with 10AM

Daylight Saving Time Ends – 5 April 2026

On Sunday, 5 April 2026, the clocks will go back one hour at 3:00 a.m. This means 3:00 a.m. becomes 2:00 a.m.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

LNI Synod Workshop

Lower North Island Synod "Empowering Councils"

Roadshow - 30th May, 9am -

The workshop is open to members of the Parish Council, members of F & R Committee and congregation leaders Committee. It is requested if these members can attend this workshop as this workshop covers crucial issues across the Parish. This is a free workshop, please let your leaders know if you're wanting to attend.

DCM Wellington

DCM Food Bank Appeal

Foodbank Appeal at **Newtown New World on Saturday 23rd May from 9am – 5pm**. Each congregation will manage a 2-hour slot.

9am – 11am - **10am Congregation**

11am – 1.00pm – **Samon Congregation**

1.00pm – 3.00pm – **Tongan Congregation**

3.00pm – 5.00pm – **Fijian Congregation**

Security Reminder

Please be mindful of people entering our space from the street during worship or while refreshments are being served. If someone is in the building and something doesn't feel quite right, or they appear to be accessing areas they shouldn't, please let a leader, office staff member, or minister know as soon as possible. The office may be closed, and we can assist the person or, if necessary, ask them to leave.

We have recently had items go missing, including during office hours. We care deeply for our people and want to ensure our space remains welcoming *and* safe for everyone.

Car parks at Wesley

A reminder that parks in the **front and back car park are leased from 6am – 7pm Monday - Friday** and are **not** available to congregation members for casual parking.

If you have an appointment with one of the ministers, please get a visitor permit from the office.

Holy Communion—Combined Services

For Holy Communion distribution, we would like to allow a STEWARD from each Congregation. No congregation should have two stewards' representation unless the Minister makes a request during Holy Communion. **There will be no Communion at the Good Friday Service but only on Easter Sunday.**

THEME FOR March: Lent 6

10AM Sunday Roster		<i>Sunday 05 April Easter</i>	
<i>Sunday 29 March (Lent 6) Palm Sunday</i>			
Worship Leader	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki	Worship Leader	Kisione Finau
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notice & Welcome	Alan Dine	Introit	Fijian Congregation
Bible Readings	Norbert	Bible Reading	10AM/Fijian
Door Stewards	Lepa Manuao	Anthem	Tongan Cong.
Warden	Sana Manuao	HC Prep &	
Morning tea	Tevita Family	Door Steward	Tongan Congregation
Children's Support	Daphne	CP Wardens	Samoa Congregation
		Morning tea	10AM

**We thank the Tongan Congregation for looking after our flowers this month.*

** Flower Roster for April is 10AM.*

Tongan Congregation

<i>Sunday 29 March (Lent 6) Palm Sunday</i>		<i>Sunday 05 April Easter</i>	
Worship Leader	Combined with 10AM	Worship Leader	Combined service
Lead Worship		Lead Worship	

Samoa Congregation

<i>Sunday 29 March (Lent 6) Palm Sunday</i>		<i>Sunday 05 April Easter</i>	
Worship Leader	Combined with 10AM	Worship Leader	Combined service
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading		Safety Briefing & Bible Reading	

3pm Fijian Congregation

<i>Sunday 29 March (Lent 6) Palm Sunday</i>		<i>Sunday 05 April Easter</i>	
Worship Leader	Sunday School	Worship Leader	Combined service
Lead Worship		Lead Worship	